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protecting our future*

Welcome to the new website of the Pascommuck Conservation Trust

(Please be patient while we're building our new site.
We expect to have it completed in autumn 2003.)

For now, take a moment and read about our current work -
The Burt / Clapp Street Land Protection Project



***"From hillside to farm field, and from aquifer to floodplain, for the past 20 years,
the Trust has been the catalyst for the preservation of
some of the most important natural resources in Easthampton."***

Mike Tautznik, Mayor of Easthampton

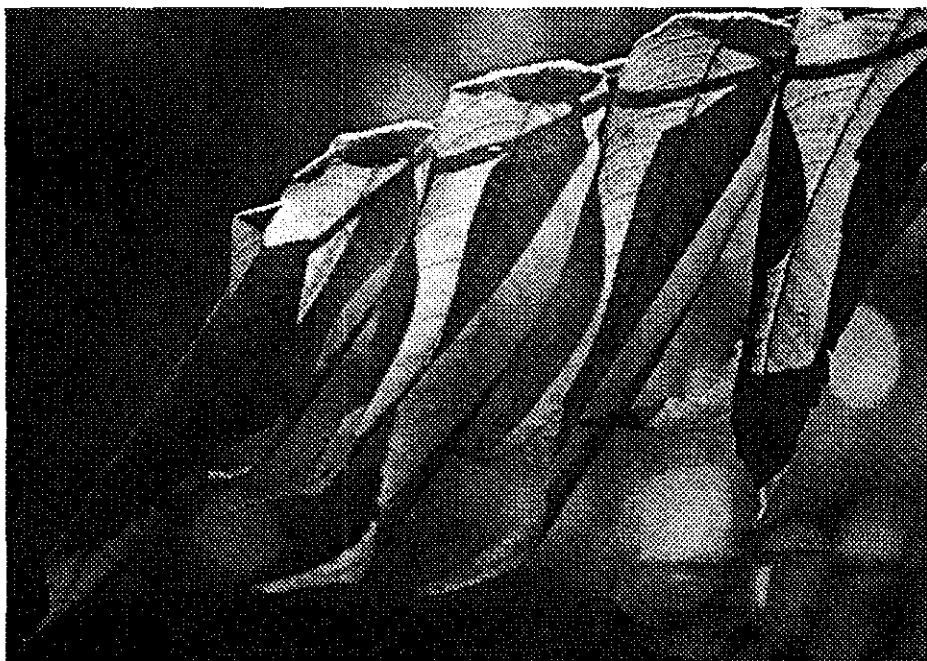


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Come back and see what we've been doing since 1982!

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The Burt property with Mt. Tom in the background (photo by G. Stover)

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The Trust's current protection project is the 29 acre Burt / Clapp Street property, located adjacent to Mass Audubon's Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary. Several factors contribute to the importance of this project to both the community and to the region:

- The parcel is designated as "Core Habitat" by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). Core Habitat represents the most viable habitat for rare species and natural communities in Massachusetts. Additionally, the floodplain portion (5 acres along the Manhan River) is designated as both "Priority Habitat" and "Wetland Habitat."
- It is an important link in a wildlife corridor connecting Mass Audubon's 755-acre Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary and the 1940-acre Mount Tom State Reservation. Further, it forms a critical buffer for Arcadia, providing both protection for wildlife and plants and a pastoral visual transition from the surrounding suburban and industrial lands to the Connecticut River Meadows.
- Farmland in this region continues to be lost to development at an alarming rate. The United States Department of Agriculture classifies this property as 'prime farmland'. 24 acres are used to grow cucumbers, feed corn, and hay.
- The property is a former Native American habitation and hunting area and a burial site for the original settlers of Easthampton.
- The parcel is within one-half mile of the reserve drinking water supply well for the City of Easthampton and abuts other lands protected by the Trust.

By December 2003, the Trust must raise \$30,000, in order to purchase the property's development rights, and permanently protect it in the Commonwealth's Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) program. If successful, we can ensure that this land will be actively farmed forever, and that the estimated 14 houses that could be built there, won't be. The needed funds will cover the required 10% local share of the purchase price, and pay interest costs on a down payment loan. \$30,000 will leverage over \$200,000 in state funding.

The Trust is conducting a multi-faceted fundraising campaign in order to meet its financial commitment for this project. The Board of Directors, membership and concerned citizens are working hard to raise the needed funds. Please consider making a generous gift to support our efforts and show your concern for open space protection in the Valley. Thank you!

More pictures of the property

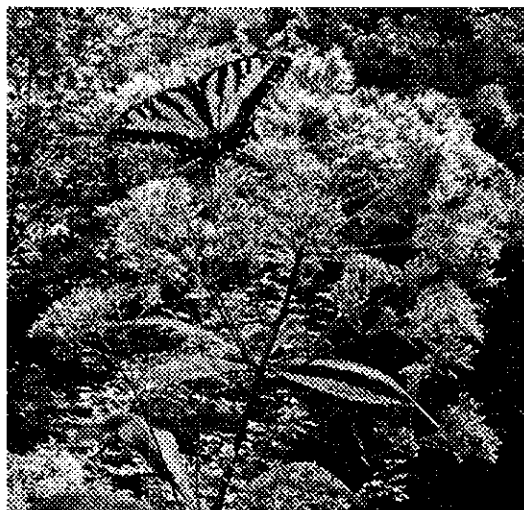


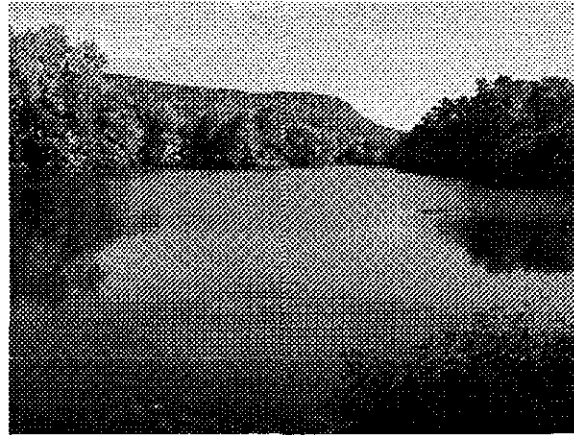
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The Nashawannuck Pond Watershed Restoration Project

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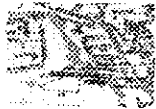
The Nashawannuck Pond is a primary landmark of downtown Easthampton. It was created in 1846 by Samuel Williston to provide water power to an expanding base of manufacturing facilities. In 1985 the community purchased this body of water from the J.P. Stevens Company. In an effort to enlist public and private support for the protection and restoration of this valuable resource, the Board of Selectmen instituted the Nashawannuck Pond Steering Committee. A comprehensive study of the pond was performed in the late 1980's with a management plan published and presented to the community. This web page will serve to examine the findings of that committee, and the progress toward accomplishing their charge, which is *"to promote the cleanup and preservation of Nashawannuck Pond, and to recommend policies and direction to the town of Easthampton concerning these issues"*.



Old Postcard Depicting The Nashawannuck Pond At Night

(Courtesy of John Watling)

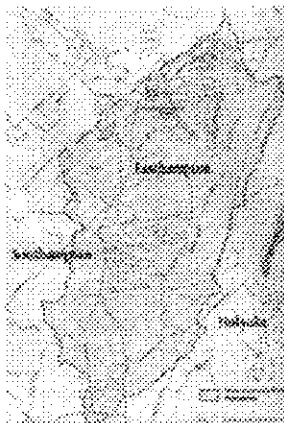
In this postcard picture, you can see the trolley car rails in the foreground. In the background, is our beautiful Mount Tom with the Summit House clearly visible, shining white on the mountain top. There were two summit houses atop the mountain, the first of which opened in 1897 and was reached by trolley car. It was destroyed by fire in 1900. A second Summit House was built, and opened in 1901. Overlooking Easthampton, it stood for 28 years until it was also destroyed by fire. Travelers going down Route 91 or the Massachusetts Turnpike today, can now view an array of broadcast antennas atop the summit.



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Background

Nashawannuck Pond is a 32-acre Y-shaped pond located in the center of Easthampton. The pond's watershed, that is, the land area that drains into the pond, is approximately 10 square miles. This watershed extends from Mount Tom in the Holyoke Range to White Loaf Mountain and the Pequot Ponds, and includes the Massachusetts communities of Easthampton, Holyoke, and Southampton.



Three tributaries flow into Nashawannuck Pond: Broad Brook, Wilton Brook, and White Brook. The pond was created in 1846 when these feeder streams were dammed to create hydropower for the various mills in Easthampton. Today, the pond is primarily a recreational resource, used for fishing, boating, and bird-watching. Once a popular swimming area, sediment loading and excess aquatic vegetation growth has made swimming impossible and boating difficult during the summer. In 1985, the town purchased the pond from the JP Stevens Company to protect and restore it.

The primary threat to the health of Nashawannuck Pond is nonpoint source pollution, such as excess fertilizers and sediments, flowing from the surrounding watershed. The City of Easthampton and organizations such as the Nashawannuck Pond Steering Committee, and Nashawannuck Pond Restoration Project Advisory Committee have been working together to restore the health and recreational potential of Nashawannuck Pond.

Surface Watershed Area: Water Body Area

The ratio of the watershed size to the size of the water resource is important in determining the management and restoration options. The higher the ratio of watershed size to pond size, the more important watershed activities are to the health of the pond. For example, a 10 to 1 ratio would indicate that in-lake-only management techniques would have a limited effect on water quality. Nashawannuck Pond's watershed is approximately 10 square miles and the pond is roughly 31 acres. Nashawannuck Pond's watershed-to-pond area is 211 to 1. This means that the residents in the watershed area, and the decisions they make every day, affect the health of this pond. (Click [here](#) for a larger map of the watershed area).



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Threats to the Pond

The major threat to the water quality and health of Nashawannuck Pond is something called "nonpoint source pollution" (NPS). This means that, as a result of rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground, the runoff picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants. This runoff is

deposited into wetlands, streams, underground sources of water, and ultimately, the pond. (Click [here](#) for illustration) Some of these pollutants include:

- excess fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides from residential areas.
- oil, grease, toxic chemicals, and heavy metals deposited by automobiles on roadways, parking lots, and driveways.
- sediment from improperly managed construction sites, crop and forested lands, and eroding streambanks.
- salt and sand from roads and parking lots.
- bacteria from livestock, pet waste, and faulty septic systems.

Nutrients

Nutrients are essential for the growth of organisms such as plants, but when more nutrients such as nitrogen or phosphorous fertilizers than plants can absorb are applied, the excess is carried away by rain and stormwater. Eventually, this excess ends up being deposited in the pond. Once in the pond, these fertilizers stimulate the growth of aquatic vegetation. Too many plants or weeds harm the pond and the species that inhabit it in several ways:

- More weeds consume more oxygen from the water column, so less water is available for fish and other pond species.
- When the plants eventually die off, decomposition of the vegetation reduces oxygen levels even more, stimulating anaerobic activity and causing odors and algae growth in the pond.

Click [here](#) for an example of the most typical weeds growing in Nashawannuck Pond.

Excess nutrient loading in the pond has severely limited its recreational potential for fishing, boating, and swimming, and is threatening water quality and habitat values.

Herbicides and Pesticides

Unless they are applied very carefully, herbicides and pesticides are carried from lawns and gardens and deposited in the pond. As the herbicides and pesticides flow overland and eventually reach the pond, they may destroy beneficial plants and insects. The result is decreased species diversity and an imbalance in the species composition within the pond and the surrounding watershed.

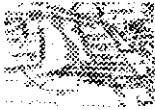
Stormwater Runoff

As rain falls on the earth, some of it is absorbed by plants or permeates the soil. Rain that is not absorbed when it reaches the earth is called stormwater runoff. As it flows across the land from gardens, sidewalks, lawns, driveways, etc., it carries soil and pollutants - fertilizers, herbicides, chemicals such as oil and gasoline, and animal waste.

Less vegetation and more impervious surface (such as driveways and roads) means less rainwater is soaking into the ground. Instead, it flows overland with greater speed, eroding the soil and picking up more sediment and other pollutants - all of which end up in the Nashawannuck Pond.

Sediment, or soil particles that are carried by stormwater runoff and deposited in water bodies, is a product of erosion. Sediment may carry additional pollutants, like fertilizers and other chemical compounds, to the water resource. Nashawannuck Pond receives a tremendous amount of sediment from the surrounding watershed.

Sediment loading has decreased the size and depth of the pond by 20 acres over the last 150 years!



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Best Management Practices

Use Fertilizers Sparingly

Fertilizers contain nitrates and phosphates that stimulate the growth of aquatic vegetation, and also cause algae blooms that can lead to fish kills. If possible, do not fertilize your lawn with such products.

- Try mulching or other organic gardening methods to get the desired results. If you must use a fertilizer, choose one that does not contain phosphorous.
- Avoid applying fertilizers during the summer. Turf grass demand for nutrients is low at this time and unused fertilizer is more likely to end up in the pond.
- Avoid over-application of fertilizers. Have your soil tested to determine what additional nutrients are needed.

Reduce the Use of Pesticides, Herbicides, and Insecticides

- Many household products made to exterminate pests are also toxic to humans, pets, wildlife, fish, small aquatic organisms and plants.
- Use natural pest control methods whenever possible. If you must use pesticides and herbicides, always read labels carefully to determine correct application amounts, and do not apply right before it rains.

Maintain Slope Stability

- Stabilize slopes with deep-rooted vegetation to increase stormwater infiltration and decrease erosion.
- Diminish steep slopes with retaining walls and terraces.
- Stabilize streambanks by planting deep-rooted shrubs along streams.

Use Permeable Surfaces

- Use permeable pavement like gravel instead of cement or asphalt.
- Limit areas requiring impervious surfaces, such as driveways, patios, and parking lots.
- Reduce areas of grass lawn, which can form a mat of dense vegetation that prevents infiltration and encourages stormwater runoff.

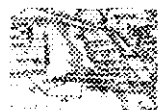
Use Low-Maintenance Techniques

- Plant native vegetation, which requires less watering and fewer chemical additives.
- Establish the smallest lawn that satisfies your recreational needs.
- Use lawn alternatives such as native sedges, wildflower meadows, and gardens.

Control Stormwater Runoff On-Site

- Direct runoff from the property into a rain/wetland garden or vegetated swale to slow the flow of water and increase infiltration.
- Plant trees and other deep-rooted vegetation, like dogwoods, that will absorb stormwater.
- Maintain or restore vegetated riparian buffers along streams.
- Ensure that all soil surfaces are vegetated or mulched to encourage infiltration and reduce erosion.
- Collect roof runoff in a barrel and use it to water your lawn and garden.

Your house roof, like pavement, sheds water. If downspouts from roof gutters empty onto grassy areas, the water will have a chance to soak into the ground. Aim downspouts away from foundations and paved surfaces. For roofs without gutters, plant grass, spread mulch, or use gravel under the drip line to prevent soil erosion and increase the ground's capacity to absorb water. Use cisterns or rain barrels to catch the rainwater and use it for watering lawns and gardens in dry weather.



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Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary

While walking along Arcadia's five miles of trails, look for signs of white-tailed deer, black bear, otter, beaver, and other interesting creatures. The sanctuary's forest, meadows, marsh, and wetlands are great places to explore at any time of year. Canoe along the river on a summer's night during a program, and you're likely to see an enchanting display of fireflies (check the sanctuary's program schedule to register for canoe programs)..

Upcoming Programs

Summer Camp Programs*

Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge Grant



Area Map

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* Requires the free Adobe Acrobat plug-in. More info [here](#).

Address:

127 Combs Road
Easthampton, MA 01027
413-584-3009

Email: arcadia@massaudubon.org

Visitor Center/Trail Hours:

Nature Center: Monday through Saturday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., closed holidays.

Trails: Open Daily, dawn to dusk.

Admission:

\$4 for non-member adults;
\$3 for non-member children and seniors

Directions:

Take the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) to exit 4 (Rt I-91 north) to exit 18 (Rt 5, Northampton). Take a right onto Rt 5 south. After 1.4 miles, take a right onto East Street at the sign for Easthampton Center (Oxbow Sports is on the corner). Follow East Street for 1.2 miles and turn right onto Fort Hill Road at the Massachusetts Audubon sign. Go 0.9 miles and bear right at the next Massachusetts Audubon sign and turn left into the sanctuary.

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Times and Fees:

Trails open: Tuesday - Sunday 9 AM- 3 PM, except holidays

Fees: Free to members of the Audubon Society and Easthampton and Northampton residents. \$3 adults. \$2 children 3-15 and seniors. Children under 3 free.

Office building and school are handicapped accessible. The orchard trail is handicapped accessible for birdwatching.

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About Arcadia:

Arcadia is part of the Mass. Audubon Society, and is a 625 acre sanctuary boarding on the Oxbow (formed in 1840). There are upland forest habitats along with marsh and other wetland ecosystems. There are over 5 miles of marked trails within the sanctuary. Many species of wildlife make their home here. And the careful observer can find signs or actually observe the wildlife. The sanctuary is devoted to the conservation of natural resources and uses outdoor classrooms for the appreciation and interpretation of the natural world. To protect wildlife, dogs, fires, hunting, fire arms, fishing, trapping, collecting, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the trails.

The Massachusetts Audobon Society:

**Massachusetts Audubon Society
Membership Dept.
208 South Great Road
Lincoln, MA, 01773.
(617) 259 - 9500**

The Massachusetts Audobon Society is the largest environmental organization in New England. Concentrating their efforts in Massachusetts, the Society has protected more than 24,000 acres of conservation land/wildlife habitat, conducts nature education programs for 200,000 children annually, and advocates for sound environmental policies. Massachusetts Audobon is independent of National Audobon. For more information about the Society or to support its important work by becoming a member, call 1-800-AUDUBON.

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Arcadia Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary

Nature Nursery School :

The Idea: The Massachusetts Audubon Society is dedicated to protecting and preserving the environment, an to fostering an appreciation and understanding of the environment in people of all ages. The Arcadia Nature Nursery School was founded in 1976 on the premise that happy and rewarding early childhood experiences with nature form the foundation for the development of creative, caring, and aware adults.

The Program: Children enrolled at the Arcadia Nature Nursery School are provided with a continuing and meaningful relationship with the natural world. The school uses the natural world as theme and material in the education of the whole child. Children are provided with many opportunities to develop their observational abilities, language skills, and large and small motor skills. Socially, children are helped to interact positively with their peers, to learn to express themselves, and to develop an awareness and appreciation of others. Our goal is to foster the children's ability to work both independently and cooperatively, and to act in a caring and responsible way towards their environment, themselves, and others.

Class size is limited to 17 children in each session. The academic year runs for 36 weeks from mid-September to mid-June. Vacations coincide with the Easthampton school calandar

Visitors are welcome by appointment.

The Arcadia Nature Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Children.

The Setting: The Arcadia Nature Nursery School is located in the Arcadia Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary operated by the Massachusetts Audobon Society. A passive solar greenhouse is part of the classroom setting, and the 625 acres of woodland, marsh, and meadow that surround the center create an ideal setting for observing nature.

Information:

Ages: 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Children must be at least 3 1/2 in September to be enrolled in the program

Sessions:

(A) *2-mornings: Thurs. & Fri. (B) 3-mornings: Mon., Tues. & Wed. (C) 5-mornings: Mon.-Fri.
(D) *2-afternoons: Tues & Wed.

*= these sessions may be combined

Financial Assistance:

Limited financial assistance may be available with demonstration of need.

Admissions Policy:

Families will be placed on a waiting list upon receipt of a completed application form and a \$15 non-refundable filing fee. If you wish to apply, please call and leave a message for the nursery school.

Children already enrolled in the program and their siblings are given first priority for admission. Our admissions process will attempt to balance classes for age and gender. Priority is also given to long-term MAS volunteers. Within this framework, admission of children is by chronological order as their applications are received. Arcadia Nature Nursery School does not discriminate in its admission policy on the basis of religion, race, cultural history, political beliefs, marital status, disability, or national origin.

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Volunteering at Arcadia:

Arcadia Nature Center & Wildlife Sanctuary is one of eighteen staffed sanctuaries in the Massachusetts Audubon Society state-wide system of sanctuaries. Arcadia has over 200 active volunteers and last year they put in over 7000 hours. We value our volunteers greatly and would like to add you to our list of volunteers. There are many opportunities for volunteering at Arcadia, some jobs involve a weekly or bi-weekly commitment, others last only for one day, and still others can be done as you have time available.

Arcadia is a 625 acre sanctuary located on the Northampton/Easthampton town line between Routes 5 & 10. Arcadia is a floodplain and borders on the Oxbow.

Field Walk Leaders: attend training sessions to learn natural history and techniques for teaching children. Volunteer a morning a week to lead small groups of school children in nature activities. This is a unique opportunity to get experience working with children. Most field walks are scheduled on Thursday mornings. Call for an interview.

Nursery School Aide: spend one morning a week working with 3 1/2 to 5 year olds in our licensed nursery school which focuses its curriculum on the environment. Call for an interview. (Arcadia Nature Nursely is in session 5 days a week.)

Nature Center Hosts: spend a morning or afternoon answering phones and greeting the public. Training is provided and shifts are arranged on a once a week or once every other week schedule.

School Program Volunteer: help our busy Environmental Education Coordinators prepare educational materials and activities for school walks and other environmental education programs. This can be done here or at home.

Ecological Management Program: help us study the plants and animals of Arcadia. Do

observations for one of our on-going projects or organize a research project of your own.

Grounds Crew: work with our Property Manager to maintain the grounds and building. Most work is outdoors and happens on Saturday mornings.

Office Volunteer: help us occasionally when we have a lot of copying or mailing to do. Much of our work is done on computers, so data-entry is also needed.

Bird Seed Day Volunteer: a one-day project in the fall to help us sort and load birdseed for the people who have ordered it from us.

Bakers: we often have bake sales on days that we expect lots of people to visit, like Bird Seed Day and Camp Registration Day.

Camp Registration Day: a one-day project to help register children for summer camp. If you are highly organized and people-oriented, you can provide a real service for Arcadia.

Summer Camp Volunteers: work with our counselors to involve summer campers ages 3 1/2 to 11 in games and other fun nature activities. Or spend a week with the Trail Camp canoeing and adventuring. (Open to adults and teens.) Call for an interview.

If any of these opportunities sound interesting to you, call Gail Carpenter at 584-3009 between 9 and 3 Tuesday to Friday.

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Birthday Parties at Arcadia:

Birthday parties at Arcadia for children 4 years and up, for groups up to 15 people, available all seasons (in and/or outdoors), Saturdays and Sundays 12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00. Arcadia decorates the room for you, after 2 hours with naturalist who presents age-appropriate crafts, activities, and games. The naturalist will help supervise cake and presents time. (they provide paper goods and invitations, you supply refreshments). Fee \$100 to members, \$110 to non-members. Call Arcadia at (413) 584 - 3009 Monday to Saturday for more information, or leave a message for Kaite Olmstead

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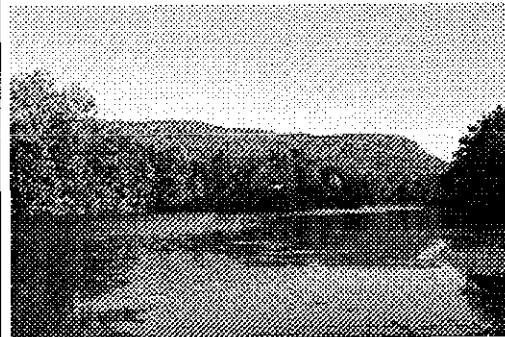
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Flaherty Park

Located near the corner of Pleasant and Ferry Streets, Flaherty Park is an outdoor recreation park with a basketball court, a boat ramp for the lower Mill Pond. Outdoor picnic tables are set around the perimeter of the parking lot as well.

This park is also the site of the [David MacDonald Skateboard Park](#).

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David MacDonald Skateboard Park

Located in Flaherty Park on Ferry Street, this Skateboard Park provides a legal and fun area for Skateboarders, Rollerbladers and BMX Bicyclists to enjoy the use of a course and jumps. **At no time**

shall skateboarders and bicycles use the facility during the same time periods. The Skateboard Park opened for the season April 4, with it's school in session schedule, it's full day schedule will take effect June 28. The **hours of operation** are Weekdays 3 to 9 PM while school is in session and 10 AM to 11 PM when it is not. Saturdays 10 AM to 11 PM and Sundays 10 AM to 9 PM when school is in session and 10 AM to 11 PM when it is not. Check the following table for times for skateboarders and rollerbladers and BMX Bicycles. Helmets and elbow and knee pads are required for admission to the Park by all users. **Entrance fees** are \$2 per day for residents and nonresidents when school is in session and \$3 per day for residents and nonresidents when it is not. Full year passes are available at the price of \$25 for residents and \$40 for nonresidents.

Day	Skateboard & Rollerblades	BMX Bicycles
Monday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Tuesday	6 - 9 PM	3 - 6 PM
Wednesday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Thursday	6 - 9 PM	3 - 6 PM
Friday	3 - 6 PM	6 - 9 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 1 PM & 4 - 8 PM	1 - 4 PM & 8 - 11 PM
Sunday	1 - 4 PM & 6 - 9 PM	10 AM - 1 PM & 4 - 6 PM

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Pulaski Park

Pulaski Park is a passive recreation area located in the center of Easthampton, at the rotary where Northampton Street, Main Street, and Pleasant Street merge. The park hosts many activities in its Gazebo: the Summer Arts in the Parks Concert Series held June through August; the Halloween Rag Shag Parade finale; and Santa Claus drops in around Christmas time. Many wedding ceremonies are also held within the Gazebo throughout the year.

Pulaski Park contains the Kasimer Pulaski Monument, dedicated to the Polish war general, and a monument depicting the first town meeting house in Easthampton, as well as the Mayher Drinking Fountain. Benches grace the park, too.

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Katherine Root Wayside Park

Located at the corner of Route 10 and Florence Road, the Katherine Root Wayside Park is dedicated to passive recreation. It's a nice area with picnic tables to enjoy an afternoon picnic. It also provides a spigot attached to the town water supply for passersby.

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Parsons Street Park

Parsons Street Park is a neighborhood park with a toddlers playground filled with baby swings, spring animals and park benches. It's located at the corner of Parsons and Exeter Streets.

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Pleasant Street Park

Pleasant Street Park is located at on the corner of Pleasant Street and Pleasant Green, it is a children's neighborhood playground. The equipment at the park includes swings, a merry-go-round, and climbing bars in the shape of animals. Benches grace the park as well. In winter it is the site of an ice rink weather permitting.

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Cold Weather Activities

The Easthampton Parks and Recreation Department hosts several cold weather activities held during the months of mid-November to mid-April. These include:

- **An Open Swim Program at White Brook Middle School** - runs Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9 PM, and Saturday afternoons from 1 PM - 4 PM. and is open to all. Rates are the same as in the summer. On saturday mornings there is a free swim 10 AM - noon for resident senior citizens.
- **Winter Swimming Lessons at White Brook Middle School** -held in March and April, these Saturday morning classes last 6 weeks and offer lessons for all levels. Fees are \$30 for the six week program per child.
- **Barracudas Swim Team at White Brook Middle School** - meets Friday evenings. The Barracudas Swim team is a competition team, trained by the Wilgas, a husband and wife duo,

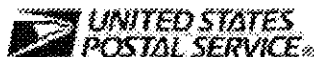
which is under the direction of Parks and Recreation Department. Registration and tryouts for the team are held in April.

- **Adult Open Basketball-** offers open basketball games twice a week for adults who wish to play: Wednesdays at Pepin School from 6 to 9 PM and Sundays at White Brook Middle School from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. The cost is \$3.00 per session.
- **Winter Basketball League - Recreational Leagues-** Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Easthampton Basketball Association, provides children grades 2 through 12 four recreational basketball teams to join 1 co-ed, 3 for boys and 2 for girls. Costs are \$30.00 per player and a sliding scale for two or more children.
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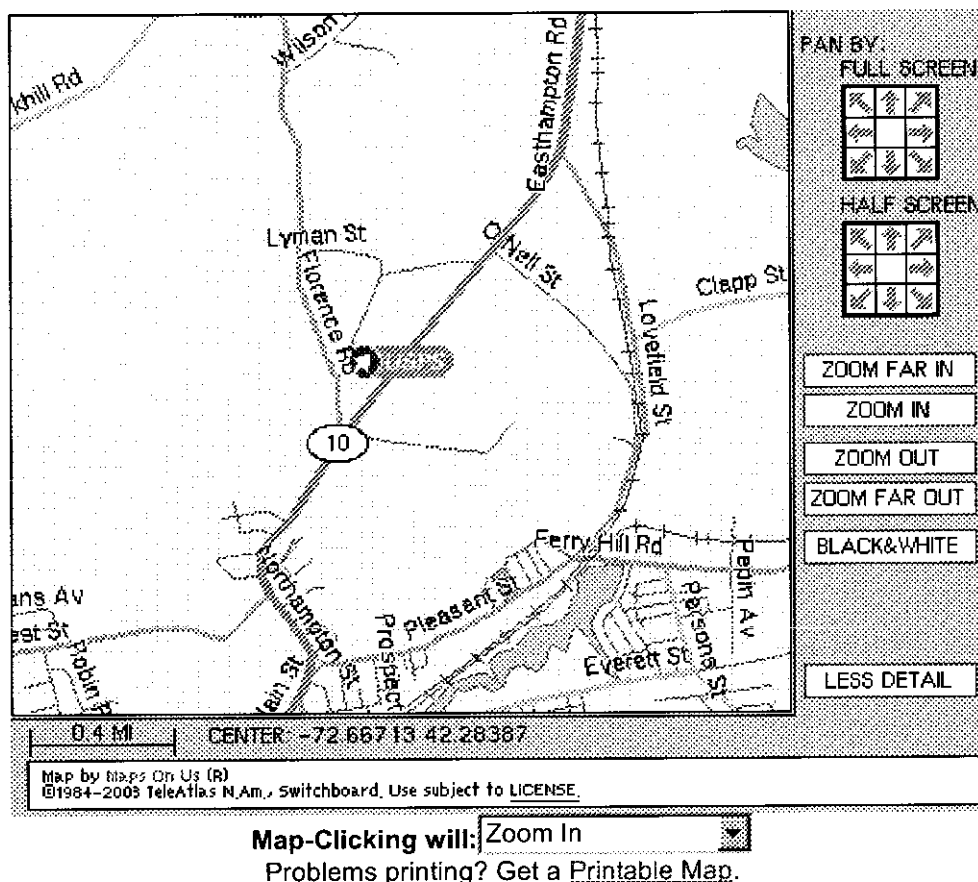
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